

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1859 - HB 1999

March 7, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014927): Requires the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules to ensure that an individual who is blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled has appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Other Fiscal Impact – Any increases in state, federal, and local expenditures will be dependent upon specific rules promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy. Due to multiple unknown variables associated with such future rules, such increases cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty at this time.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- To the extent the Board promulgates rules that would require local health departments to purchase additional equipment to ensure blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled individuals have appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides, there would be recurring increases in state, federal, and local expenditures. Increases in local expenditures would be considered mandatory.
- However, any such increases in expenditures are dependent upon the specifics of the rules promulgated by the Board. Due to multiple unknown variables associated with such future rules, such increases cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty at this time.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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